

COMING—"THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE"

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## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND MERCHANT'S TRADE WEEK THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 18-19-20

### Reach No Agreement On Mexican Problem

Conferences On Border  
Ended Without Result in  
Settlement.

LEAVE QUESTIONS  
TO THE DIPLOMATS

Entire Matter Must Be Settled  
Through Medium of Regular  
Exchanges—Carranza Said to  
Have Blocked Negotiations.

El Paso, Texas, May 11.—After almost two weeks of discussion the conferences of Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Gen. Frederick Funston and Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Mexican minister of war, over American troop dispositions in Mexico, came to an end to-night without any agreement being reached. The whole matter was referred back to the American and defacto governments to be settled through diplomatic channels.

To-night the situation is almost exactly where it stood before the conferences began. The Mexican government still insists on the withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's columns upon a certain date and wants that date to come quickly. It is known that Gen. Obregon has been willing to make concessions in order to reach an agreement with the American conferees. He has been overruled, however, by the first chief, Venustiano Carranza, and his advisers. After practically conceding the demands of the American conferees he was compelled to remove his attitude.

**After Two Conferences**  
The end of the negotiations came after two conferences had been held. The first began at 10 and lasted until 1 p. m., when a recess was taken until 4 p. m. to permit Gen. Obregon to keep a lunch engagement. Sharp upon the hour the conference was renewed. After two hours and a half, however, came the end. Gen. Obregon, accompanied by Juan Amador, Mexican secretary of foreign affairs, emerged from the private car occupied by Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston, walked rapidly down the railway yards, climbed into his waiting automobile and drove away.

Gen. Obregon was accompanied to his machine by Gen. Funston. The Mexican conferee's manner was abrupt and vexed, but Gen. Funston smiled cheerily as he bade him goodbye.

Gen. Funston reentered the car. Then Col. Robert E. Lee Michie, aide to Gen. Scott, came out and distributed copies of the following statement to the waiting newspaper men:

**No Break in Friendship**  
"We wish to announce that after several conferences marked throughout with conspicuous courtesy and good will, in which conferences mutual impressions were exchanged and information was collected on the military situation on the frontier, it was agreed by the conferees to suspend the conferences and report back to their governments in order that these be able through their respective foreign departments to conclude this matter, and that the ending of these (Continued on page 8)

### SPARTANBURG MUSICAL EVENT TO BE BETTER THAN EVER

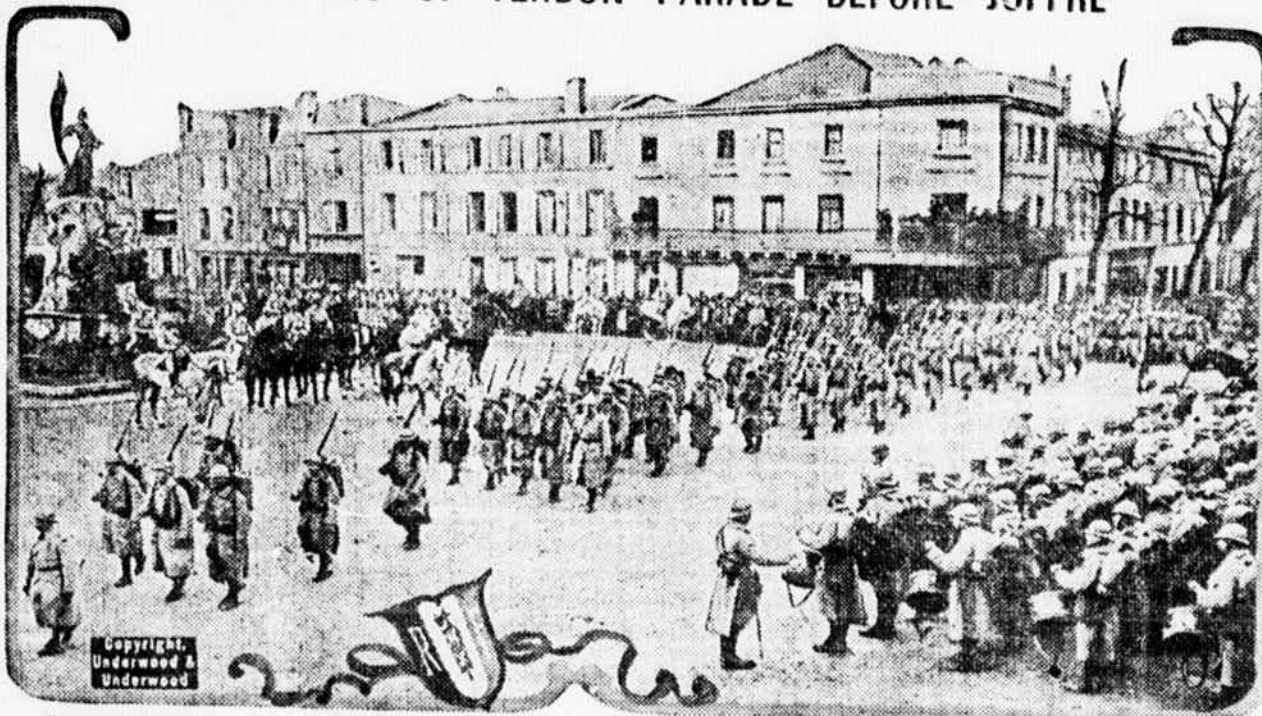
Hundreds of Elks Will Also  
Attend Account Annual  
Meeting.

Spartanburg, May 12.—Special—Plans are now complete for the reception and entertainment of hundreds of visitors which Spartanburg is expecting next week for the annual music festival and the annual state convention of the B. P. O. Elks, to be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Prominent visitors from many states are expected, among them being Fairfax Harrison, President of the Southern Railway. The city will be in gala attire; all of the principal streets and shop windows will be decorated with the purple and white colors of the Elks.

With a roster of artists including some of the most noted stars in this country and in Europe, a program containing a number of favorite masterpieces heard here before, including the "Messiah," Handel's immortal oratorio, and a number of pieces not heard before which will add freshness and interest, together with the return for the eighth engagement here of Walter Damrosch and his fifty members New York Symphony Society orchestra, a combination which knows no peer in the world of music, the music festival bids fair to measure fully up to the high standards of achievement set in the previous twenty-one years of its history. The artists are: Miss Anna Case, famous Metropolitan soprano, said to be the most beautiful American woman in grand opera, a girl who has made her way as the daughter of a village blacksmith to an exalted position in the world of song; Miss Tilly Koenen, the great Dutch contralto, who is in this country only because the war prevents her filling engagements in Europe, will be the featured star of Artists' night; Mrs. Merle Tillotson Alcock, contralto, and John Campbell, tenor, who were among the most popular singers at last year's festival, and have received warm approval in every appearance of Mr. Damrosch's tour to the Pacific coast; Miss Laura Combs, soprano, who was received so delightfully at a concert here last winter; Theodore Harrison, baritone, who made a distinct hit at the 1914 festival; and Robert Matland, the young English bass who has been highly praised in New York.

The Converse College Choral society and the Children's chorus have grown so that it has been necessary to enlarge the big stage in the auditorium. The former now numbers about 300 and the latter 550. Both organizations are singing in fine style.

### DEFENDERS OF VERDUN PARADE BEFORE JOFFRE



General Joffre reviewing the regiments which have prevented the Germans from piercing the French lines and capturing Verdun. These regiments were singled out and taken to St. Dizier to rest from the terrific struggle in which they had been engaged. They were reviewed in the square at St. Dizier in front of the monument which commemorates the battle of St. Dizier, which was besieged by the Germans in 1514.

### KING SUCCEEDS PAUL ALFORD AS COMMERCIAL AGENT

J. P. King, agent for the P. and N. railroad for the past several months, has been promoted to the office of commercial agent to relieve Paul Alford who resigned his connection with the P. and N. recently to become chief clerk to Theodore Dehon, general southern agent for the C. C. and O. Railway company. Mr. King will assume his new duties May 15.

Mr. King will be relieved as agent in Spartanburg by W. I. Rankin, former chief clerk to the P. and N. agents at Charlotte, and who for the few months has been agent for the company at Mt. Holly, N. C.

Paul Alford had already entered upon his new duties as chief clerk to Mr. Dehon at the local commercial agency of the C. C. and O.

In his new duties as commercial agent Mr. King will continue his headquarters in Spartanburg.

### CONSTABLE CHARLEY CASKEY DOES GOOD WORK

Late yesterday afternoon Constable Charley Caskey was notified that a robbery had been committed in a home on the J. B. Harper place near Elgin, and that a suit of clothes, cap, and \$1.30 in money had been stolen.

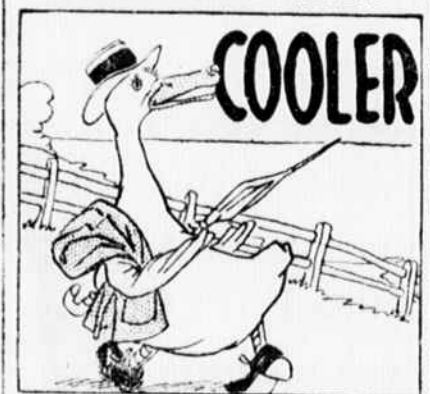
Mr. Caskey immediately got busy and this morning about day light rounded up a negro, Rainey Williams, alias Tom Williams, who is now lodged in jail. All of the wearing apparel was recovered and 20 cents of the money. The negro has confessed. He claims his home to be at Florence, S. C.

Mr. Caskey is to be congratulated in handling this case to a successful conclusion so promptly.

### AFTER BRANDEIS AGAIN Three Witnesses Summoned for Hearing To-day

Washington, May 11.—Three witnesses—Louis K. Liggett, George C. Anderson and Frederick E. Snow, all of Boston—were summoned to-day to testify to-morrow before the senate judiciary subcommittee investigating the fitness of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme bench. They will be examined in accordance with an order of the judiciary committee regarding Mr. Brandeis' connection, if any, with the merger of the United Cigar Stores and the Riker-Hegeman Drug Stores.

### DORAL-KAN SAYS



Weather forecast for South Carolina: Generally fair Friday and Saturday; slightly cooler Friday in interior.

When one looks at the beautiful display windows and reads the advertising of the live wide-awake merchants in The News each week, it can then be understood why so many people trade in Lancaster and further why the impression prevails the country over that "Lancaster Leads."

### WINS BY ONE VOTE

Dr. EsDorn Elected Alderman at  
Walterboro

Walterboro, May 11.—On Tuesday the second municipal election was held for the purpose of selecting the sixth alderman of the town, the race being between E. D. Lemacks and Dr. Charles H. EsDorn. Dr. EsDorn was the winner by one vote in an election in which much interest was demonstrated.

The new administration will consist of John D. Glover, mayor, with D. B. Black, clerk and treasurer, and a member of town council with the following other members: A. K. Beach, R. L. Fraser, E. L. Fishburne, G. C. Brown and Dr. EsDorn, in occupation being composed of three merchants, a bank cashier, a lawyer and a physician. The new government will be representative in composition and much is expected from it along the line of accomplishment.

### ADDRESS BY SNYDER

Wofford President Speaks at  
St. Matthews

St. Matthews, May 11.—A number of the Confederate veterans of this county were here yesterday to participate in the exercises given by the local chapter, U. D. C. A grand dinner was given them by the ladies of the U. D. C. An appropriate programme was carried out and in the afternoon an address was made by President Snyder of Wofford college at the Methodist church. It was a great day for these men who were defeated but not conquered during the hardships of the '60s.

Supplant Furious Infantry  
Engagements in Sector of  
Verdun Fortress.

CONFLICTING NEWS  
OF TURKS' EFFORTS

Russians Tell of Continued Successes Against Moslems While  
Constantinople Reports Considerable Defeat for Slavs in  
the Caucasus.

The infantry actions in the region of Verdun have again given way to artillery bombardments, the most violent of which was directed against the French positions in the Caillette wood and their second lines on the right bank of the Meuse. Bombardments also have taken place along the front held by the Belgians, and mining operations and artillery duels have predominated on the British front. A severe artillery duel is in progress around the Hohenzollern redoubt between the British and Germans.

During the night there was another shift in the line of attack upon Verdun, according to the afternoon French war office announcement.

Holding in check their forces on the west bank of the Meuse, where they recently have scored important successes, the Germans again took the offensive on the easterly side of the stream, launching an attack near Vaux, northeast of the fortress. The attack was unsuccessful, Paris declares.

Probable speedy resumption of infantry drives northwest of the fortress, however, is indicated by the report of heavy firing by the artillery in the region of the Avocourt wood southwest of Hill 304.

The French themselves are making vigorous attacks on the German lines in the Verdun region, according to Berlin, which announces an assault near Dead Man's hill and another southeast of Hill 304. Both attacks were broken up by German fire, it is declared.

The Eastern front situation is growing more interesting. All along the line the Russians were the objects of occasional sharp thrusts by the Teutonic allies. They seem to be contending themselves with standing off these attacks and are attempting no offensive. In at least one instance they failed to hold their line, however, according to Berlin, which reports the capture of 500 yards of a Russian position near Selburg.

Increased activity is reported from the Balkans. There has been much firing by heavy artillery and some infantry clashes have occurred on the Macedonian frontier. Athens dispatches to-day report brisk fighting north of Avlona, apparently indicating that the Austrians are about to move against the Italians and such other forces as may be assisting them in holding the Adriatic seaport of Avlona, Albania.

Much importance is attached to Petrograd to the Russian operations (Continued on Page 8)

Star Theatre  
Lancaster, S. C.

## "The Battle Cry of Peace"

Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
May 18, 19, 20.

Admission  
Adults 50c  
Children 25c